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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Previously Canceled).

21. (Previously presented) An immunogenic composition comprising a viral antigen and ribavirin for co-administration thereof, wherein said viral antigen is a nucleic acid.

22. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a hepatitis antigen.

23. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 22, wherein said hepatitis antigen is a hepatitis C viral antigen.

24. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 23, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS3.

25. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 22, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS4A.

Claims 26-27 (Canceled).

28. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 16.

29. (Amended) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid comprises a fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 13 that encodes an antigenic peptide.

30. (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:

providing ribavirin;

providing a nucleic acid that encodes a viral antigen; and

combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

31. (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

32. (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

33. (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid, that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS3; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

34. (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS4A; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

35. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

36. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising an antigenic fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 1.